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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have approved the retirement of Lieutenant General Richard E. Brown III, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list. I have exercised my authority to reduce the 3-year service-in-grade requirement and certify that Lieutenant General Brown has served satisfactorily on active duty in his current grade. Lieutenant General Brown, who is 55 years of age, currently serves as Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Headquarters United States Air Force, Washington, DC. I have also notified the President of the United States and the President of the Senate of this action.

Sincerely,

cc:

The Honorable Duncan Hunter  
Chairman, House Armed Services Committee  
The Honorable Ike Skelton  
Ranking Member, House Armed Services Committee

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